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PATENT APPLICATION

TFW 2651

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masakazu Hirano  
 Serial No.: 09/965,615  
 Conf. No.: 7774  
 Filed: 9/27/2001  
 For: LOAD/UNLOAD OPERATION  
 CONTROL METHOD AND...  
 Art Unit: 2651  
 Examiner: Negron, Daniell L.

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 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
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### AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

### Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended		Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	17	-	21	=	0	x	\$ 50.00	=	\$ 0
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	\$200.00	=	\$ 0
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims							\$360.00	=	\$ 0
							Total Additional Fee		\$ 0
							Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)		\$

(X) Amendment E.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT E

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2005, please amend the  
application as follows: